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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected enforcement mobilizations. This is the last chance to take advantage of the equipment portion of this grant due to grant requirements.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: National Initiatives

Application Deadline: June 11, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to assist local communities in preventing drug abuse and crime; enhancing local law enforcement, local courts, and local corrections and offender reentry; and facilitating justice information sharing. Funds can be used for national scope replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance programs. Approximately \$15 million is available under the FY 2008 Byrne Competitive Program.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08ByrneCompSol.pdf>.

Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Application Deadline: June 13, 2008

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for funding to reduce gang activity in targeted communities through improved coordination of existing resources and activities that support multiple complementary antigang strategies. Funding is available to support salary and related expenses for coordinators with responsibility for organizing and overseeing antigang activities under two or more of the following strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and gang enforcement.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2008/Gang.pdf>.

Research on the Justice System Response to Sexual Violence in Corrections

Application Deadline: June 18, 2008

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding of research and evaluation to address knowledge gaps related to prison sexual violence. NIJ is particularly interested in research and evaluation on staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct. NIJ will consider proposals for research related to male and/or female prisons, jails, or juvenile facilities. All proposals should be for research or evaluations with direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000843.pdf>.

National Mentoring Programs

Application Deadline: June 20, 2008

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for funding to support programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system through mentoring activities. Applicants are invited to propose the implementation of ready initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to underserved populations. For the purpose of this solicitation, mentoring programs involve a structured relationship between an adult or trained peer and one or more youth, with one-on-one mentoring the preferred model.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2008/NatlMentoring.pdf>.

Latino Youth Mentoring Program

Application Deadline: June 20, 2008

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for funding to develop and support a peer mentoring program that proactively reaches youth before they are recruited by gangs to develop and strengthen protective factors against gang involvement and other problem behaviors. Successful applicants will include local school districts with a demonstrable Latino gang problem who are committed to, or already working with, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and other community partners to provide mentoring services to at-risk youth. Targeted programs will feature schools with large populations of non-native, Hispanic youth.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2008/LatinoMentoring.pdf>.

Electronic and Cyber Crime Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: June 23, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to improve the capacity of local criminal justice systems and provide national support for training and technical assistance projects that strategically address electronic and cyber crime needs. Funds can be used for expansion or enhancement of training and technical assistance programs that have national scope. This may include programs providing investigative support to local law enforcement agencies. Funded programs must demonstrate effective collaboration and coordination between other similarly funded projects and other electronic and cyber crime initiatives throughout the nation. Applicants must demonstrate that training is currently being conducted in remote locations and to underserved communities throughout the United States. Approximately \$8.3 million is available under this program.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08CyberCrimeSol.pdf>

Bureau of Justice Assistance's National Training and Technical Assistance Project

Application Deadline: June 25, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to expand its training and technical assistance capacity by increasing its delivery of direct services to BJA customers. The National Training and Technical Assistance Project will complement current resources by responding to emerging challenges in adjudication, corrections, crime prevention, law enforcement, justice information sharing, tribal justice, and substance abuse and mental health. The objectives of the project are to increase the knowledge of criminal justice practitioners, increase criminal justice organizations' capacity to solve problems and/or modify policies or practices, and increase information provided to the criminal justice community. A maximum of \$750,000 will be available for an initial budget period of 24 months.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08TTAsol.pdf>.

Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation Domestic Violence Shelter Grant

Application Deadline: June 30, 2008

The goal of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation is to eliminate domestic violence. As a part of this effort, the Foundation wishes to donate funds to worthwhile organizations that aid the victims of domestic violence. The funds awarded by the Foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. No exceptions will be made. Eligibility is open to shelters for victims of domestic violence.

For more information: http://www.mkacf.org/PDF/Shelter_Grant_App_2008.pdf.

The Guggenheim (Harry Frank) Foundation Research Grants

Application Deadline: August 1, 2008

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (HFG) seeks proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. HFG ordinarily makes awards in the range of \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year for periods of one or two years.

For more information: <http://www.hfg.org/rg/guidelines.htm>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Research and Publications

Teen Marijuana Use Worsens Depression: An Analysis of Recent Data Shows ‘Self Medicating’ Could Actually Make Things Worse

This report, recently released by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, analyzes a variety of studies regarding teen marijuana use and depression and provides insight on links between drug use and mental health problems. Topic headings include: link between marijuana use, depression, and other mental health problems; depressed teens more likely to use drugs than depressed adults; girls at greater risk; and parental involvement.

Access full text at: <http://www.theantidrug.com/pdfs/teen-marijuana-depression-report.pdf>.

Life after Lockup: Improving Reentry from Jail to the Community

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and prepared by the Urban Institute, this report examines data from the Jail Reentry Roundtable Initiative. The report provides an overview of U.S. jails and prisoner demographics, and discusses various jurisdictions’ responses to reentry, jail transition efforts around the country, and the role of probation in reentry.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/220095.pdf>.

The Jail Administrator’s Toolkit for Reentry

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and prepared by The Urban Institute, this practitioner-oriented handbook provides a set of guidelines and principles designed to assist jail administrators in developing reentry strategies for inmates transitioning back into the community. Included in the toolkit are examples and experiences from jails and criminal justice officials from across the country. Topics discussed include: prerelease planning, discharge planning, transition planning, continuity of care, community-oriented corrections, and transitional care. This toolkit is a companion piece to “Life after Lockup: Improving Reentry from Jail to the Community”.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/222041.pdf>.

Girls Study Group: Understanding and Responding to Girls’ Delinquency/ Violence by Teenage Girls: Trends and Context

Part of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (OJJDP) Girls Study Group Series, this Bulletin presents the Group’s findings on adolescent girls’ participation in violent activity and the circumstances in which girls engage in violent behavior. Specifically, this report analyzes male and female juvenile arrest rate trends for violent crimes, focusing on simple and aggravated assault.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218905.pdf>.

You’re Not Alone: The Journey from Abduction to Empowerment

The third in a series, this OJJDP handbook was prepared with the assistance of survivors of abduction and is designed to help other abduction survivors begin the process of putting their lives back together. This resource is divided into five sections, each dealing with different issues around abduction and empowerment. Topics discussed include: expectations, resources, retaking control, choices, roadblocks, and coping mechanisms.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/221965.pdf>.

Recidivism of Denied Prospective Firearm Purchasers

Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and prepared by Structured Decisions Corporation (SDC), this report examines the efficacy of firearm eligibility background checks performed by the FBI's National Instant Background Check System (NICS). The study analyzes the consequences of NICS-based firearm purchase denials to gauge whether Brady NICS checks are an effective intervention for directly or indirectly reducing future arrests.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bjs/grants/222677.pdf>.

Parent Awareness of Youth Use of Cigarettes, Alcohol, and Marijuana

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration released this report which presents an overview of data from the National Survey on Drug Use & Health (NSDUH). The NSDUH includes a sample of parents and their children, aged 12 to 17, who live in the same household. Youth respondents were asked about alcohol and illicit drug use and parents were surveyed on whether they thought their child had used such substances.

Access full text at: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/parents/parents.pdf>.

Massachusetts Recidivism Study: A Closer Look at Releases and Returns to Prison

This report is part of the Massachusetts Recidivism Study, a collaborative effort between the Urban Institute and the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC). The report presents findings from an analysis of 2002 DOC administrative male release data. Recidivists are compared to nonrecidivists across demographics, criminal history, offense type, time served, release type, and in-prison reentry preparation. The overall goal of the study is to better understand how incarceration and community reentry influence recidivism.

Access full text at: http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411657_massachusetts_recidivism.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

Domestic Violence Danger Assessment Training Project

June 23-24, 2008 in Marlborough, MA

Sponsored by EMERGE, this two-day training will focus on domestic violence danger assessment and risk management. The audience will include police and probation officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, and others. Guest presenters include representatives from the National Stalking Resource Center, the Newburyport High Risk Response Team, and Safety First. This training is free of charge, but limited to 125 people.

For more information: <http://www.emergedv.com> or call/email David Adams at Emerge at (617) 547-9879 or dadams9@aol.com.

2008 OJJDP National Youth Gang Symposium

June 23-26, 2008 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the National Youth Gang Center and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, this conference will focus on innovative and effective strategies in dealing with youth gang issues. Sessions and workshops will highlight promising and best practice programs related to youth gang prevention, as well as provide up-to-date information on youth gang activities and trends from experts in the field.

For more information: <http://www.gangsymposium.org>.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference 2008

July 21-23, 2008 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference brings together a vast array of criminal justice professionals to share the most recent findings from research and technology, including what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. Heavy emphasis is placed on the benefits of effective evidence-based policies and practices. The conference includes the DNA Grantees Workshop, formerly a separate event, and opportunities for attendees to exchange ideas, such as "Town Hall" luncheon and several evening events.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm.

2008 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability

July 30-August 1, 2008 in Baltimore, MD

Sponsored by the SMART Office through the Department of Justice, this symposium will focus on an array of topics relating to sex offender management and the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The Symposium will include specialized tracks focusing on policy, enforcement, emerging issues, and Indian country issues. Examples of specific lecture topics include: SORNA guidelines review, sex offender registry web-based software, interagency collaboration and coordination, monitoring registered sex offenders, sex offender treatment, and sex offender registration and tracking.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=86ef0920-a7e8-4f32-9d11-585c23dbc97e>.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

August 21-23, 2008 in Nashville, TN

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Center for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, this conference will highlight communities, programs, and other initiatives that have successfully implemented science, performance, and data-driven strategies to support the reduction of youth access to alcohol. A variety of topics related to effective prevention and enforcement of underage drinking will be discussed.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Huge Gains Reported at Crime Lab's DNA Unit

***The Boston Globe*, May 23, 2008**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the Massachusetts State Police crime lab has managed to dramatically slash its backlog and turnaround time. John Grossman, the Undersecretary of Forensic Science and Technology, said the turnaround is the result of better management, more automation, and increased funding that has allowed the lab to hire 10 chemists since last year. For example, the lab's new DNA extraction machine, known as M-48, does in an hour what it would take dozens of technicians to do in weeks.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/05/23/huge_gains_reported_at_crime_labs_dna_unit/.

Anti-gang Police Unit Revived

***The Republican*, May 28, 2008**

Local officials yesterday announced the return of the Police Department's Street Crime Unit, reports *The Republican*. Police Commissioner William J. Fitchet and Mayor Domenic J. Sarno jointly announced the re-establishment of the unit, which consists of 16 police officers who regularly patrol the streets, particularly in high crime areas and hot spots. In addition, Fitchet announced an anti-gang hotline for residents to leave messages regarding tips on gangs and gang violence that may help police. Sarno said the return of the unit is a frontal attack on gangs and drugs, while also helping to prevent criminal activity.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1211959232185170.xml&coll=1>.

Child Advocate to Outline Goals

***The Republican*, May 29, 2008**

According to *The Republican*, Governor Deval L. Patrick issued an executive order creating a state child advocate in December; in late April Gail Garinger assumed the post. Garinger said her focus as child advocate will be in three areas: to make sure that when a "critical incident" involving a child receiving state services occurs that it is thoroughly investigated; to work with state agencies to improve communication and coordination so that no child "falls through the cracks"; and to educate the public about what is done in state departments that deal with child welfare.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1212045322211820.xml&coll=1>.

Vice Squad Targets Drug, Sex Trade

***The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*, May 31, 2008**

Vice squad officers are on the prowl, making repeated arrests in the Main South area of Worcester in response to mounting complaints by business owners and residents of increased drug dealing and prostitution, states *The Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. Police have been stepping up patrols to combat the brazen behavior of dealers and prostitutes who have been selling their wares in the open.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20080531/NEWS/805310510/1008/NEWSSEVEN02>.

Domestic Violence Deaths Prompt Action

***The Boston Globe*, June 6, 2008**

Governor Deval Patrick unveiled plans to combat an alarming increase in deaths related to domestic violence, reports *The Boston Globe*. Patrick, in issuing the first-ever public health advisory on the issue, announced his plans to bolster police training and ordered a statewide review to determine the cause of the increase. Several state offices will review the past three years of domestic violence data to see if any trends emerge. Patrick's plan also includes an update to law enforcement guidelines on responding to domestic crimes, as well as better training for recruits and a new curriculum to refresh veteran officers.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/06/06/domestic_violence_deaths_prompt_action/.

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